

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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DENTAL TECHNICIANS ACT, 1979 (ACT No. 19 of 1979)

REGULATIONS REGARDING REGISTRATION OF DENTAL TECHNICIAN AND
DENTAL TECHNOLOGY CANDIDATES

The Minister of Health intends under section 50(r) of the Dental Technicians Act, 1979 (Act No. 19 of 1979) on the recommendation of the South African Dental Technicians Council, to make Regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance; mihloti.mushwana@health.gov.za and paul.tsebe@health.gov.za, within three months of the date of publication of this notice.



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MINISTER OF HEALTH

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SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act bears such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

“approved institution” means a public higher education institution or private institution approved under the Higher Education Act 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997) and accredited by the Council to carry out an education and training programme in Dental Technology;

“Council” means the South African Dental Technicians Council established in terms of section 2 of the Act;

“candidate dental technician” means any person who is registered as such by the Council under regulation 2;

“candidate dental technologist” means any person who is registered as such by the Council under regulation 3;

“dental technician” means any person who is registered as such by the Council;

“dental technologist” means any person who is registered as such by the Council;
and

“the Act” means the Dental Technicians Act, 1979 (Act No. 19 of 1979).

Candidate dental technician category

2. A category of candidate dental technician is hereby created to enable registration with the Council for those persons who have graduated from an approved institution from a programme in which they were enrolled and registered as student dental technicians, and who are not yet registered with the Council as dental technician.

Candidate dental technologist category

3. A category of candidate dental technologist is hereby created to enable registration with the Council for those persons who have graduated from an approved institution from a programme in which they were enrolled and

registered as student dental technologists and who are not yet registered with the Council as dental technologist.

Application of candidate dental technician or candidate dental technologist

4. (1) Persons contemplated in regulations 2 or 3 may apply to the Council for registration as a candidate dental technician or candidate dental technologist.
- (2) The application contemplated in subregulation (1) must be accompanied by-
 - (a) A certified copy of the degree or diploma certificate issued by the candidate's approved institution;
 - (b) Payment of a registration fee as determined by the Council;
 - (c) Proof of identity in the form of certified copy of the ID book or passport for foreign applicant; or
 - (d) a declaration from the approved institution which conferred the qualification on the person concerned indicating the date the applicant qualified, and indicating the programme the candidate was enrolled in.

Registration and assessment for the National Professional Registration Examination

5. (1) A one-time issued registration certificate in a format approved by the Council must be issued by the Registrar to each candidate dental technician or candidate dental technologist, who complied with the requirements contemplated in regulation 4.
- (2) Candidate must register with the Council at least six months in advance of any assessment, giving their name and address for correspondence, and their candidate registration number.
- (3) In the event of a candidate being unable to take an assessment, the candidate may apply, in writing and no less than 10 working days prior to

the assessment, to have their registration deferred to a following examination opportunity.

- (4) A candidate who was unable to take an assessment because of illness or any other reason must apply to have their registration deferred to a following examination opportunity and must produce a doctor's certificate or proof of any impediment thereof.
- (5) A candidate who falls ill during an assessment must report immediately to the Chief Invigilator who will arrange for them to be accompanied to the approved institution's Health and Wellness Centre, or if at an alternative venue, to a suitable medical facility.
- (6) A candidate may not sit for the written examinations for more than three times, unless the candidate can provide sufficient reasons to be allowed a further and last attempt.
- (7) A candidate who fails two consecutive practical examinations must wait for at least 12 months before sitting for another examination.
- (8) Credits for passing the written examinations are valid for three years for a candidate dental technician, or four years for a candidate dental technologist.

Entrance requirements for the National Professional Registration Examination

6. A candidate must provide evidence of having been in continuous fulltime employment in a registered dental laboratory or in different registered laboratories, supervised in each case by a dental technologist (or equivalent registration), for at least six months prior to registering for the NPRE for the first time.

Examination Fees

7. (1) Candidate must pay the examination registration fee before the commencement of the examination to the Registrar.

- (2) The Council must, from time to time, determine the examination fees and publish the same on its website.

Registration as a dental technician or dental technologist

8. All successful candidates must pay the final examination fee as determined by Council and be registered as a dental technician or dental technologist by the Registrar within 30 days of completion.

Short title

9. These Regulations are called Regulations Regarding Registration Of Dental Technician and Dental Technology Candidates, 2024.